

1 What is claimed is:

2 1. A universal collar key for a container that is inserted within a housing of a
3 soap dispenser that has a key plate therein, the universal collar key
4 comprising:

5 a) a collar adapted to be supported on the container having a first flange
6 and a second flange extending radially therefrom;

7 b) said flanges being axially spaced from each other to define a clearance
8 for receiving the key plate therebetween upon insertion of the
9 container.

1 2. The universal collar key of Claim 1, wherein said collar has a forward end
2 that is initially inserted into the housing, wherein at least one of said flanges
3 defines a notch at said forward end.

1 3. The universal collar key of Claim 1, wherein said first and second flanges
2 are oriented generally horizontally.

1 4. The universal collar key of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said flanges has
2 a rear portion extending rearward and laterally outward from said collar,
3 whereby said rear portion has an edge engageable with the housing to limit
4 movement of the collar.

1 5. The universal collar key of Claim 1 further comprising a bore formed in said
2 collar for receiving a portion of the container; and an attachment assembly
3 located about the bore including an attachment member extending axially
4 outward from the collar and having a surface extending radially inward
5 therefrom for engagement with a portion of the container.

- 1 6. The universal collar key of Claim 5, wherein said attachment member
2 further includes a sloped surface that extends radially outward and axially
3 upward from said radially inward extending surface to an edge of said
4 attachment member.
- 1 7. The universal collar key of Claim 6 further comprising a second radially
2 inward extending surface extending from said collar into said bore and
3 axially spaced from said radially inward extending surface on said
4 attachment member, whereby the portion of the container is held between
5 said surfaces.
- 1 8. The universal collar key of Claim 1 further comprising a hold formed on the
2 collar.
- 1 9. The universal collar key of Claim 8, wherein said hold includes a pair of
2 vertically extending tabs extending forwardly from said collar.
- 1 10. The universal collar key of Claim 1, wherein said collar defines a bore for
2 receipt of a neck of the container, wherein a plurality of spaced tabs extend
3 upwardly from said collar about said bore defining a plurality of notches
4 therebetween for receipt of a projecting portion of the container
5 therebetween.
- 1 11. The universal collar key of Claim 10, wherein said collar has a leading
2 surface relative to its insertion within the housing, wherein at least one of
3 said plurality of notches formed between said plurality of tabs is located
4 above said leading surface.
- 1 12. A universal collar key used in conjunction with a container for securement
2 of the container within a soap dispenser that has a housing defining a

3 container recess and a receiver having a key plate, the container comprising
4 a hollow body having a necked portion, a locating projection extending
5 rearwardly from said neck portion; and
6 the universal collar key comprising a collar defining a bore, wherein said
7 neck portion is receivable within said bore, a pair of flanges extending
8 rearwardly from said collar and axially spaced from each other for receipt of
9 the keyplate therebetween, and a notch for receiving said locating
10 projection on said container formed in said collar, whereby insertion of said
11 locating projection within said notch aligns the container relative to a
12 universal collar key.

1 13. The container and universal collar key of Claim 12, wherein the universal
2 collar key is attached by snap-fitting said collar to said neck portion of the
3 container.

1 14. A dispenser comprising a removable container; a pump in fluid
2 communication with said container; a housing defining a recess for receiving
3 said container and a receiver having a keyplate; and a universal collar key
4 attached to said container having a first flange and a second flange that
5 extend rearwardly relative to the housing and are axially spaced from one
6 another to define a clearance for receiving said keyplate therebetween,
7 whereby upon insertion of said container within said housing, said first and
8 second flanges axially engage said receiver at either end of said keyplate to
9 axially secure said container within said housing.

1 15. The dispenser of Claim 14, wherein said receiver includes a locating tab
2 extending axially outward relative to said keyplate and wherein a
3 corresponding of said first and second flanges defines a notch for receiving
4 said locating tab.